MICHIGAN STATE INCOME TAX CHANGES FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS EFFECTIVE FOR TAX YEAR 2012 (FOR RETURNS FILED IN 2013)

Taxpayers born before 1946	Taxpaye

No change in current law

- Social Security is exempt.
- Senior citizen subtraction for interest, dividends and capital gains is unchanged.
- Public pensions exempt.
- Private pensions subtract up to \$45,120 for single filers and \$90,240 for joint filers (based on 2010 but indexed for inflation).

Taxpayers born 1946 to 1952

Before the taxpaver reaches age 67

- Social Security is exempt.
- Railroad pension is exempt
- Military pension is exempt
- Not eligible for the senior citizen exemption for interest, dividends and capital gains.
- Public and private pension limited subtraction of \$20,000 for single filers or \$40,000 for joint filers.
- Not eligible for pension subtraction when total household resources exceed \$75,000 for single filers or \$150,000 for joint filers.

After the taxpayer reaches age 67

- Social Security is exempt.
- Not eligible for senior citizen subtraction for interest, dividends and capital gains.
- Subtraction against all income of \$20,000 for single filers and \$40,000 for joint filers.
- Not eligible for income exemption when total household resources exceed \$75,000 for single filers or \$150,000 for joint filers.
- Not eligible for income exemption if claiming a military or railroad pension exemption.

Taxpayers born after 1952

Before the taxpaver reaches age 67

- Social Security is exempt.
- Railroad pension is exempt
- Military pension is exempt
- Not eligible for the senior citizen subtraction for interest, dividends and capital gains.
- Not eligible for public or private pension subtraction.

After the taxpayer reaches age 67

- Not eligible for senior citizen exemption for interest, dividends and capital gains.
- Not eligible for public or private pension subtraction.

Income exemption election

- **ELECT** exemption against all income of \$20,000 for single filers or \$40,000 for joint filers.
 - No exemption for Social Security, military or railroad retirement
 - No personal exemptions.
 - Not eligible for income exemption when total household resources exceed \$75,000for single filers or \$150,000 for joint filers.

OR

- **ELECT** to exempt Social Security, military and railroad pension. May claim personal exemptions.
 - Personal exemptions are subject to phase-out for total household resources between \$75,000-100,000 for single filers and \$150,000-200,000 for joint filers.

NOTE: For joint returns, the age of the oldest spouse determines the age category that will apply to the pension and retirement benefits of both spouses regardless of the age of the younger spouse.

